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November 26, 1996

Dan Guy, Consultant
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555 17th Street, Room 2170
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Re: Proposed Topsoil Amendment-Approval, Gordon Creek 2, 7 & 8 Mines,
ACT/007/016-96A, Mountain Coal Company, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Guy:

We have reviewed the above referenced amendment. A stamped incorporated copy is enclosed for insertion into your MRP. Mountain Coal Company is granted approval effective November 21, 1996, to use #8 Mine topsoil with # 7 Mine subsoil for soiling the #7 Mine. The #7 Mine topsoil stored adjacent to the #2 Mine yard will then be used in conjunction with the "substitute topsoil" at the #2 Mine to enhance reclamation at the site. The enclosed Technical Analysis, by Bob Davidson, explains the evaluation and conclusion of the review. The amendment has been incorporated into the mine plan. A copy is available to interested parties for review at our Salt Lake and Price offices.

If you have any questions please call me 538-5341.

Sincerely,

Dave Darby
Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure

cc: Mark Page, Water Rights, Price (w/o)
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Bill Bates, Wildlife, Price (w/o)
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